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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Adam William Saxler et al.

Group Art Unit: 2811

Serial No.: 10/617,843

Examiner: To be assigned

Filed: July 11, 2003

Confirmation No.: 7985

For: NITRIDE-BASED TRANSISTORS AND METHODS OF FABRICATION
THEREOF USING NON-ETCHED CONTACT RECESSES

Date: September 8, 2003

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PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of July 11, 2003 rather than July 14, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of July 11, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

1. A true and accurate copy of the Cover Sheet for the Application showing the Express Mail signature and date on Page 2;
2. A true and accurate copy of the Express Mail Receipt along with a copy of the USPS-Track & Confirm from the web page, showing "acceptance" or deposit date with the USPS at 5:43 p.m. on July 11, 2003; and
3. A true and accurate copy of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of July 14, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of July 11, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of July 11, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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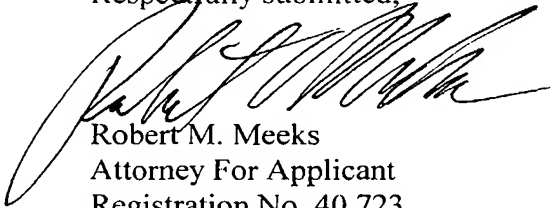
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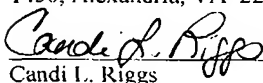


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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: _____; filed _____, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
☒ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/396,236; filed July 16, 2003.

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
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3. ☒ 8 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
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 - a. ☒ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*)) [Note Box 6 Below]
 - c. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

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7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
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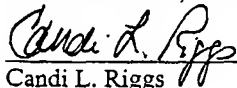
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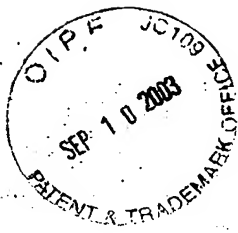
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